1	2	3	4	5	6
29.	Buxar SSMSH to Baghelwa,Buxar	6.25	206.26	19-10-07	NIT under process
30.	Bagengola to Manaki, Brahmpur	5.00	169.84	19-10-07	NIT under process
31.	Begen road to Dharadi Brahmpur	5.20	197.30	19-10-07	NIT under process
32.	Nawa Nagar to Gunjadehri, Nawa Nagar	5.23	174.58	19-10-07	NIT under process
33.	Nawa Nagar to Bhrari, Nawa Nagar	16.53	528.98	19-10-07	NIT under process
34.	Ara Buxar road to Garhatta	3.08	234.41	19-10-07	Tender Invited

Decrease in tickets and passes for IITF

*290. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it had been decided to cut the number of tickets and passes by almost half for the just concluded India International Fair (IITF) 2007; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir. In fact the number of tickets printed for the public for India International Trade Fair (IITF), 2007 were more than the number of tickets sold last year. The numbers of complimentary passes were reduced.

(b) This was done for better management of the fair and for public convenience.

Separatist activities in NE

†*291. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that intelligence agencies of Pakistan and Bangladesh are running separatist activities together in the North East States;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many terrorist organizations of North-East have set up a front jointly;

(c) if so, whether Government has formulated any action plan to stop this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Available inputs indicate that some Indian insurgent Groups (IIGs), active in the North Eastern region, have been using the territory of Bangladesh, and have links with the Pakistan ISI.

(b) There are reports of inter-linkages of IIGs active in the North East for the tactical purposes of shelter/hideouts, procurement of arms and training, etc.

(c) and (d) Efforts of the State Governments, who are primarily responsible for ensuring

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities with the objective of carrying out intensive Counter Insurgency Operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations based on threat assessments; vigilance and surveillance on the border, including the construction of border fencing; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence Agencies under the Police Modernisation Scheme; provision of assistance for strengthening various aspects of security apparatus and other aspects of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; assistance to the States for raising of additional forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc. The Central Government is maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Governments in the region with a view to periodically review the situation and taking further steps as may be necessary on a continuing basis.

In addition, in a meeting of the Joint Anti Terrorism Mechanism between India and Pakistan held in New Delhi on 22nd October, 2007, both sides shared new information on terrorist incidents including those which have occurred since the last meeting. They agreed to continue to work to identify measures, exchange specific information and assist in investigations. India's concerns relating to terrorism and continuing terrorist infrastructure have also been raised with Pakistan in bilateral meetings. The Government has also taken up the matter of action against Indian Insurgent Groups/camps with the Government of Bangladesh at various fora. The matter was recently raised in the Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held in August, 2007 at New Delhi. Bangladesh side stated that it would take effective action against any activity by groups inimical to India and agreed that swift action would be taken if timely information is provided.

Slow down in industrial growth

*292. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial growth had sharply slowed down in July, 2007 to 7.1 per cent from 13.2 per cent in the same month a year ago;

(b) if so, the sector-wise comparative growth, month-wise; and

(c) the main reasons for the decline in industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) the industrial growth, it terms of index of industrial production (IIP), recorded a growth of 7.5% in July 2007 against 13.2 in July 2006.

The month-wise and sector-wise growth of industrial sector, as per IIP over the corresponding period of previous year are given below:

Growth rate (In %)

Sector	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	April-September 2007-08
Mining & Quarrying	2.6	3.8	1.5	3.7	15.4	6.0	5.3
Manufacturing	12.4	11.3	9.7	7.9	10.5	6.6	9.7
Electricity	8.7	9.4	6.8	7.5	9.2	4.5	7.7
Overall Industry	11.3	10.6	8.9	7.5	10.7	6.4	9.2